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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 3773**

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06530.0276-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Marc O. SCHURR et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3773  
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Application No.: 09/957,451 ) Examiner: Darwin P. Erezo  
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Filed: September 21, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 2507  
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For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR )  
FOLDING AND SECURING )  
TISSUE )

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

This reply to the final Office Action is being filed within two months of the mailing of the action on September 9, 2008. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes amending the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.

**Attachments** include a copy of a Form PTO 1449 filed with an Information Disclosure Statement on August 9, 2002 and a copy of a Form PTO 1449 filed with an Information Disclosure Statement on September 26, 2002.